

The Villages Golf and Country Club Rules

1.16 TENNIS COURTS

The tennis courts are available for use by Villages residents and their guests, subject to the following rules:

1. Court Management

The Tennis Club Executive Board is delegated the responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the courts and for making recommendations to The Villages Club Board regarding use of the courts, rules and improvements to the tennis court area.

2. Court Reservations and Authorized Play

- A. Procedure for making individual tennis court pre-reservations:
 - 1) Residents may reserve any unreserved court by signing the reservation log located at the Tennis Shelter near Court 4 and the Administration buildings.
 - 2) Reservations are for one-and-a-half hour playing periods beginning at 7.30 am.
 - 3) A court may be reserved no earlier than one week (7 days) and 10 minutes prior to the time of desired play. For example, a Sunday 9:00 a.m. reservation may be made no earlier than the prior Sunday starting at 8:50 a.m.
 - a) Any court not reserved is available for play on a first-come basis.
 - b) A reserved court, unclaimed after 10 minutes, is forfeited to the next group waiting to play.
 - c) All court reservations scheduled by the Tennis Club shall be recorded in advance on the reservation log.
- B. The Tennis Club Executive Board may pre-reserve Courts 1 – 6 for club activities such as tournaments, USTA league play, team practices, interclub play and Tennis Club socials. The pre-reservations for these activities will usually be made on Courts 1 – 4 whenever possible, to ensure that Courts 5 and 6 are available for individual pre-reservations.

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C. Ladies' and men's DROP-IN play is open to all residents. The Tennis Board will determine the number of courts to be reserved for drop-in play based on past and current utilization and will direct the Court Scheduler to block out certain courts on these play periods as follows:

- 1) Men's Drop-In Play: Tuesdays and Thursdays, playing periods 7.30 & 9.00 am, and Saturdays, playing period 7.30 am.
- 2) Ladies' Drop-In Play: Friday, playing periods 7.30 and 9:00 am.

3. Court Restrictions

- A. Proper tennis attire, including shirts, must be worn at all times. Any shoes that leave marks on the court are prohibited.
- B. No food or drink, except water, shall be taken onto the courts.
- C. Glass and other breakable objects are not permitted on the courts.
- D. No wheeled sports equipment, such as roller blades, roller skates, scooters or model cars, is permitted on the court surface.
- E. Smoking is not permitted on the courts or in the viewing stands.

4. Ball Machine

The ball machine is the property of the Tennis Club and maybe used only by Tennis Club members who have been briefed on its operation and have received a key to access the ball machine.

5. Guest Players

- A. Guest players must be accompanied on the court by the host resident.
- B. Guests may not be invited to play, or a court pre-reserved for guest play, before 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and approved holidays specified by the Tennis Club

6. Tennis Club Membership

Membership in the Villages Tennis Club is open to all Village residents. Contact the club officers for more information.